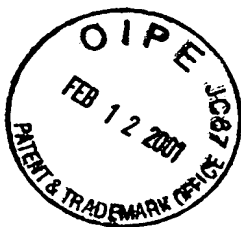


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Applicant: Steven T. Kirsch  
Serial No.: 08/927,022  
Filed: September 10, 1997  
For: DOCUMENT RETRIEVAL SYSTEM  
WITH ACCESS CONTROL

PATENT APPLICATION  
Group Art Unit: 2171  
Examiner: C. Rones

Amendment after Final Rejection

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box AF  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted in response to the Office Action dated  
November 8, 2000 is the following response.

Remarks

Claims 1-19 were pending in the application. No  
claims were amended. Therefore, claims 1-19 are currently  
pending in the application. Reconsideration of the  
application is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as  
being unpatentable by DuFresne.

In rejecting the claims, the Examiner states that  
DuFresne discloses, "a search engine having access to access  
control lists for documents on the web servers, the access